

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application, which claims are subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner provides that the pending claims are directed to more than one patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. Specifically,

I. Claims 1-9, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 433, and

II. Claims 10-15, drawn to a process for making semiconductor devices, classified in class 438, subclass 22+.

Accordingly, the Applicants were requested under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect the invention to which prosecution on the merits will be restricted. In this regard, the Applicants elect Group I, i.e., claims 1-9, without traverse. Claims 10-15 are withdrawn without prejudice.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

If for any reason a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 04-1105 under Order No. 61,083 (49381).

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